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——— Pitissimus agri
Qui fuit Ausonidum. VIRG: Aen. 10.

The richest plants the Ausonian gardens yield –
ANON:

— Ausonii Rosæ. —

'Twas spring: with saffron hue returning morn
Breath'd its cool gales upon the gentle frame;
A biting breeze before the steeds was borne
That roll'd their glorious tide of orient flame.
Lul'd by the coolness of awaking day,
I wander'd where the moisten'd garden spread
Its ample walks, and there pursued my way
Before the sun his burning splendors shed.

Upon the bending grass the gather'd hoar
Hung, or was glittering on the herbage tops;
Trembled the lovely dew the broad leaves o'er
Sinking to earth beneath the heavy drops.
Glist'ning with ruddy morn's refreshing dew
Fair Paestan roses burst upon my sight,
The frozen gems revealed their modest hue,
To fade before red day's effulgence bright.
Doubtful it seem'd, if morn's reviving blush
Had stolen its beauties from the glowing rose,
Or if the op'ning sky's delighted flush
Had ting'd the flowers amid their sweet
repose:—
Their dew the same, the same their ruddy tint,
The same for both the rising morning shone,
On star and flower, these beauties all were blent,
Since powerful Venus claim'd them as her own.
Perchance, an equal fragrance each conpest,
But this its sweets & hues discloses night,
That spreads along upon the ample breast
Of yonder distant azure canopy.
The star & flower a common goddess know,
Their roseate garb at her command was shed.
A moment intervened; with sudden glow
The rising buds at equal spaces spread;
This flourished with its narrow cap of leaves,
And that its ruddy purple hue reveal'd;
Another now its tapering form receives,
And shows its crimson head before
conceal'd.

One roll'd to light its folds expanding wide
And sought its blushing leaves to multiply;
The smiling vase displayd its rising pride,
The seed-crown'd chives rose bright & suddenly.
Another, late attir'd in gait of fire
Was by its failing leaves left lone & bare;
I wonder'd at times rapine swift & dire,
Evn while they grew, those roses perish'd there.
The ruddy vest of each resplendent flower
Fell, while my voice the moumful truth declared,
Upon the ground, sad ruin of an hour!
Lay the red honors that the fate had shaid.
The day that sees their various glories rise,
Beholds the ruin of their proud display;
Nature! thy short lived grant excites our sighs;
One moment seen, thy gifts are match'd away! —
One day alone the rose's age is given,
And youth & age seem mingling as they rise;
Mark'd by the glittering star that streaks the heaven,
Its fading beams behold their obsequies!
Yet tho' soon to die, the fertile flower
Succeeds herself for many a lengthened day;
So, virgin, pluck thy roses, in the hour
Of youth & love, ere thine age fleet away!

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EDYL. XV.

Uncertainties of Life –

è Greco.

Come tell me, ye wise men, the choice of a life,–
When the Forum is troubled with tumult and strife,
When care grimly scowls from the ashes at home,
And mocks us with misery, wherever we roam!
While hopes eternal the merchant must meet,
Whence poverty haggard forbids his retreat;
While toil the worn Farmer hath ever pursued,
And horror and shipwreck the wild ocean brood!
While torn is the path of the bach'lor so lone,
And the Husbands' vain sighs make the air his moan,
Or the fields of War dismal? the bare road of gain
And usury light-wing'd their thousands have slain!

Every age has its cares, the pilgrim to vex;
The infant nor sorrow nor joy can perplex;
The schoolboy beneath a stern tyrant must quail,
And the youth the whole host of young passions assail;
The man– O what squadrons his progress shall mar,

In the rage of the waters, the thunders of war—
In high fend, sly deceit—all the chain of his woes,
That he bursts, but—to combat with deadlier foes!
Age, sought for in hours of repining dejection,
Comes pestering along with the wrecks of affection.
The present we spurn with one general consent,
And some not the lot of the Gods could content.
"O why hath the God"—hear Juturna exclaim,
"Made deathless and hopeless, my wrongs & my shame!"
On the bare cliffs of Caucasus doom'd to atone
For his sacrilege, makes the proud robber his moan;
He calls on the Hundred in agony high,
While he asks but one boon, and one blessing—to die!

Thro' the temples of soul, if thine eye would explore,
Lo! the chaste son of Theseus lies stretch'd on the shore—
All ghastly he lies, in youth's promise blighted,
The victim of woman, whom passion he slighted!
Behold, where bright manhood with lust has been stain'd,
The crimes that ensued, and the woe that remain'd—
Where incest hath blasted the halls of the brave,
And the Conq'ror unmann'd was the slave of a slave!

Three wars with lost Carthage have taught us to shun
The wiles that our fortunes had almost undone;
But perished Saguntum reminds us in death
Of the folly of keeping or trusting to faith.

To soothe thee in doubt, then, shall friendship be cherished
For this did the school of Pythagoras perish!
Keep aloof from thy country—for this it was of yore,
That Tullus was slain on the Attican shore!

The mind always hangs in its wishes suspended,
We gain what we sought, an desires are extended.
For honour we sigh—but his cares unrepressed,
To mount to the summit, man yawns in the dust—
While envy around him casts still her pale fire,
And illumines the steep where his hopes would aspire.

The vigils of study are painful and long,
While ignorance sleeps for the hours that are gone.
The Patron avenges whom rapine hath spoild,
To find him ungrateful, for whom he has toild
The Client has one, of his wrongs to take care,
But the yoke of the patron is grievous to bear
The plaudits of Senates are glad to the soul,
But the troubles of office embitter the bowl.

A childless old age is a lingering curse
But an eager young heir is a portion far worse
If frugal, a miser you're branded by fame,
If liberal they give you the prodigal's name.
Still hardships in every extreme we must face,
And wisely the Greeks have determined the case.
That most evil the hour is that gave us our
birth,
And happiest that which restores us to earth.

EDYL. XVI.

De viro bono.

The good and wise man, whom the potent One
Who reads the heart, amid mortals finds alone,
Judge of himself, himself severely tries;
He nobler smiles and vulgar frowns defies
In his own course exact, he ne'er
Marks his proud orb past waning in its sphere.
He heeds, when Cancer lengthens days glad hours
Or night extending, when the Goat hath power;
With equal scale he weighs his time well spent,
And leaves no yawning void, or naught too deep
intent.

The adjusted angles of his path divine
Forever meet, and straight is every line.
Firm is the ground work, whence his pride arose,
No prying hands its nothingness disclose.
When heaven's nocturnal fires their beams display
He tells the annals of his lengthened day
Neglected what? what done? and what forgot?
What fame perchance commend, and reason
what?
Why not do this? and wherefore still maintain
A doctrine that experience has proved vain?
Why have I pitying seen the big tear roll,
And left the wound yet festering in the soul?
Why have I seen one with impure obtrude?
Or why preferred the gainful to the good?
Have I in word or speaking look unkind,
Left the dart rankling in a suffering mind?
And why does Nature, more than wisdom, still
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